



SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM: PERIODIC REVIEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Introduction

The City of Arlington is undertaking a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington state Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The SMA requires each SMP be reviewed, and revised if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the state Legislature. The review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other Arlington plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to describe how Arlington will encourage early and continuous public input throughout the SMP review process, including the steps that Arlington will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and public comment, as well as Arlington contact information and web addresses.

This plan is a working document and will be adjusted as needed to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation over the course of the periodic review process.

1.0 Public Participation Goals

- Provide interested parties with timely information, an understanding of the process, and multiple opportunities to review and comment on proposed amendments to the SMP.
- Actively solicit information from citizens, property owners and stakeholders about their concerns, questions and priorities for the periodic review process.
- Encourage interested parties to informally review and comment on proposed changes to the SMP throughout the process and provide those comments to decision makers.
- Provide forums for formal public input at project milestones prior to decision-making by local officials.
- Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and Native American tribes.

2.0 Public Participation Opportunities

Arlington is committed to providing multiple opportunities for public participation throughout the process and will use a variety of communication tools to inform the public and encourage participation, including the following:

2.1 Website

Arlington's website will include a periodic review webpage where interested parties can access status updates, draft documents, official notices, minutes and other project information. It can be found at: <https://www.arlingtonwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/509/Shoreline-Master->

Program-PDF?bidId=. The webpage will be the primary repository of all information related to the periodic review process, including draft documents, official notices, a Frequently Asked Questions section, and other project information. The page will include who to contact for more information and an email link for questions and comments.

2.2 Noticing

A postcard will be mailed to all property owners and tenants within the mapped shoreline jurisdiction notifying them of the upcoming SMP review and inviting them to join an email list of interested parties. The list will be maintained by the Community and Economic Development Department and will be used to notify interested parties regarding periodic review progress and participation opportunities, including an open house. Interested parties can be added to the list by contacting Marc Hayes, Planning Manager, at (360) 403-3457, or mhayes@arlingtonwa.gov.

2.3 Open House

Arlington will hold a community open house prior to a Planning Commission public hearing on amendments to the SMP. Public comments received during the open house will be posted on the periodic review webpage.

2.4 Public Comment Periods and Hearings

The City's Planning Commission will conduct a public comment period and at least one public hearing to solicit input on the periodic review. The Planning Commission will be the primary forum for detailed review and recommendations to the Arlington City Council. This hearing before the Planning Commission will likely be scheduled to occur on the same evening as the open house.

Arlington will coordinate with the Department of Ecology on public notification of comment periods and hearings to take advantage of Ecology's optional SMP amendment process that allows for a combined state-local comment period (WAC 173-26-104).

Public notice of all hearings will state who is holding the comment period and/or hearing, the date and time, and the location of any public hearing. Notices will be published per official policy and comply with all other legal requirements such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. A notice will be sent to the email list (2.2, above) and the Department of Ecology.

2.5 News media

The local news media will be kept up to date on the periodic review process and receive copies of all official notices.

2.6 Ongoing Comment

All documents under consideration will be available on the periodic review webpage and available for review at Arlington City Hall. Interested parties will be encouraged to provide comments by letter or e-mail. All comments will be compiled and provided to the City Council and Planning Commission.

3.0 Stakeholders

Arlington will reach out to the following stakeholders:

Washington Department of Ecology
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Army Corps of Engineers
Stillaguamish Tribe
Tulalip Tribes
City of Stanwood
City of Granite Falls
City of Marysville
Snohomish County
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All property owners and tenants within the 200-foot shoreline jurisdiction

4.0 Timeline

The following is a general timeline including anticipated public participation opportunities. Arlington will coordinate with the Department of Ecology throughout the process. A detailed timeline will be posted on the periodic review webpage.

Fall 2018	Public Participation Plan Initial stakeholder outreach Website launch
Winter 2019	Postcard notice mailed to shoreline property owners Public comment on draft revisions
Spring 2019	Open house Planning Commission public hearing Environmental review (SEPA) Planning Commission recommendation to City Council City Council review and final action